

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An apparatus comprising:

a drive server configured to present one or more compressed data streams;

a control server separate from said drive server and
5 configured to present a particular one of said one or more compressed data streams received from said drive server on a particular one of one or more busses as determined by a particular one of a plurality of request signals;

one or more remote devices connected to said busses, at
10 least one of said remote devices being disposed in a separate room from said control server and said drive server, each of said remote devices comprising a first decoder circuit and a control circuit, said first decoder circuit being configured to decode and decompress at least one of said one or more compressed data streams
15 received from said control server to generate at least one of a decoded video signal and a decoded audio signal; ~~and~~

one or more navigation software modules executable on said control server, each of said navigation software modules being configured to (i) generate one or more control signals that program
20 a respective one of said first decoder circuits in response to one or more user options entered at said respective remote device and (ii) parse a respective one of said one or more compressed data streams; and

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a supplemental decoder coupled to at least one of said remote devices through a serial interface to receive at least an additional one of said compressed data streams through said serial interface, said supplemental decoder decoding and decompressing said additional compressed data stream.

2. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said one or more user options are remotely controlled by a user.

3. (CANCELED).

4. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said one or more remote devices are configured to enter a diagnostic mode in response to receiving a particular one of said one or more control signals from said control server.

5. (ORIGINAL) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said one or more compressed data streams comprise one or more DVD bitstreams.

6. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein a particular one of said compressed data streams is presented to two or more of said remote devices at a particular time.

7. (CANCELED).

8. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said plurality of busses comprises at least two of (i) one or more universal serial busses and (ii) one or more 1394 busses.

9. (CANCELED).

10. (CANCELED).

11. (CANCELED).

12. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An apparatus comprising:

a drive server configured to present a plurality of DVD bitstreams;

5 a control server separate from said driver server and configured to present said DVD bitstreams received from said drive server on a plurality of cables in response to a plurality of first remotely generated request signals;

10 a plurality of remote devices connected to said cables, at least one of said remote devices being disposed in a separate room from said control server and said driver server, each of said remote devices comprising a first decoder circuit and a control circuit, said first decoder circuit being configured to decode and

decompress at least one of said DVD bitstreams received from said control server to generate at least one of a decoded video signal and a decoded audio signal;

a plurality of navigation software modules each executable on said control server, each of said navigation software modules being configured to generate one or more control signals that program a respective one of said first decoder circuits in response to one or more user options entered at said respective remote device; and

a plurality of decoder control circuits within said control server, each of said decoder control circuits being configured to control a respective one of said navigation software modules for programming of a respective one of said first decoder circuits within said remote devices; and

a supplemental decoder coupled to at least one of said remote devices through a serial interface to receive at least an additional one of said DVD bitstreams through said serial interface, said supplemental decoder decoding and decompressing said additional DVD bitstream.

13. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The apparatus according to claim 12, wherein ~~(i) each of said navigation software modules is configured to generate one or more control signals and (ii) said first decoder circuits are configured to generate said at least one~~

5 of said decoded video signal and said decoded audio signal in response to said one or more control signals.

14. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method for distributing video, comprising the steps of:

(A) presenting one or more compressed data streams with a drive server to a control server separate from said drive server;

5 (B) distributing said one or more compressed data streams from said control server to one or more remote devices across one or more busses in response to one or more request signals;

10 (C) decoding and decompressing at least one of said one or more compressed data streams with one or more first decoder circuits within said one or more remote devices;

15 (D) presenting at least one signal selected from a decoded video signal and a decoded audio signal in response to decoding said at least one of said one or more compressed data streams, wherein at least one of said one or more remote devices is disposed in a separate room from said control server and said driver server; and

20 (E) executing one or more navigation software modules on said control server, each of said navigation software modules being configured to (i) generate one or more control signals that program a respective one of said first decoder circuits in response to one or more user options entered at said respective remote device and

(ii) parse a respective one of said one or more compressed data streams; and

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(F) distributing at least an additional one of said compressed data streams from at least one of said remote device through a serial interface to a supplemental decoder, said supplemental decoder decoding and decompressing said additional compressed data stream.

15. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method according to claim 14, wherein said said plurality of busses comprise at least two of (i) one or more universal serial busses or (ii) one or more 1394 busses.

16. (ORIGINAL) The method according to claim 14, wherein said one or more compressed data streams comprise one or more DVD bitstreams.

17. (CANCELED).

18. (CANCELED).

19. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The apparatus according to claim 12, wherein each of said cables comprise a serial bus.

20. (CANCELED).

21. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said one or more user options comprise a fast forward request.

22. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein at least one of said remote devices further comprises a second decoder circuit capable of decoding and decompressing in accordance with a second compression standard different than a first compression standard of said first decoder circuit.

23. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The apparatus according to claim 22, ~~further comprising a supplemental decoder coupled to at least one of said remote devices through a serial interface to receive at least one of said compressed data streams through said serial interface,~~ wherein said supplemental decoder decoding and decompressing is in accordance with a third compression standard different than said first compression standard and said second compression standard.

24. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The apparatus according to claim 23, wherein said supplemental decoder comprises:
an additional decoder circuit; and

a state machine configured to control a plurality of read
5 operations and a plurality of write operations sent to said
additional decoder circuit.

25. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method according to claim
14, wherein said one or more user options comprise a fast forward
request.

26. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The apparatus according to
claim 12, further comprising the step of:

parsing said DVD bitstreams with said navigation software
modules.

27. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The apparatus according to
claim 12, wherein at least one of said remote devices further
comprises a second decoder circuit capable of decoding and
decompressing in accordance with a second compression standard
5 different than a first compression standard of said first decoder
circuit.

28. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method according to claim
14, wherein step (C) comprises the sub-step of:

decoding and decompressing said at least one of said one
or more compressed data streams in a second decoder circuit in at
5 least one of said remote devices, wherein said second decoder

circuit is configured to decode and decompress in accordance with a second compression standard different than a first compression standard of said first decoder circuits.